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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 603X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Webster County, WV*

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Webster County Chamber of Commerce (Webster County) requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 10.5 miles of railroad between milepost BUG-0.0 at Cowen and milepost BUG 10.5 at Bolair, in Webster County, WV in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expired on July 23, 2004. Even though the previous extension has expired, CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Webster County, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Webster County, CSXT respectfully requests the Board to reinstate and grant a six month extension of time to January 23, 2005 to negotiate trail use with Webster County. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests a six month extension of the date to consummate the abandonment from September 23, 2004 to March 23, 2005.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$300. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

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Sincerely yours

Louis E. Gitomer

Attorney for: CSX Transportation, Inc.

cc: Mr. Hughes

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